

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT 

LUND 

THOMPSON

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....June 20, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Sally Fortino and Glenda Wiles

The Board of County Commissioners met with Bryce Christiaen and Lindsay Bona of the Weed Department for a department update. The Commissioners were presented with a grant, demonstrating modifications of spending, for their signatures. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to sign the agreement between the Bitterroot National Forest and Ravalli County. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to sign the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant; Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

Lindsay said the Weed Department wants to set up an event to float from Angler's Roost to River Park; they are hoping the event can include private boats. They would like to associate the event with the pulling of noxious weeds along the waterway. Lindsay asked the Board of County Commissioners for their opinion regarding possible liability issues and whether Ravalli County would be willing to sponsor such an event. Commissioner Lund said outfitters have their own insurance; it would be wise to stay with them.

Lindsay said August 5th, 2006 is the date they hope to hold the event.

Commissioner Chilcott suggested contacting Fred Thomas, Ravalli County's Insurance Agent of Record. He also suggested endeavoring to get support from Trout Unlimited.

Bryce said blue weed has been found in the forest. A local source has been located. (Bitterroot Gravel) Samples of weed have been sent to each district office. Bryce said washing or cooking the gravel effectively eliminates the weed's ability to germinate. The Forest Service has some leverage here, but not as much as that they have in Yellowstone.

Commissioner Lund asked if the pit could be sprayed to eliminate the weed. Bryce said he is not sure.

Commissioner Chilcott said the best solution would be to encourage them to clean up the pit on their own.

Bryce said washing or cooking their gravel would get rid of 99% of the offending weed.

Commissioner Chilcott suggested making a marketing tool by naming those pits that are weed-free.

Bryce informed the Commissioners of the Weed Department's activities over the last several weeks. Several properties have been treated, as property owners called for assistance. (See attached sheet)

In other business the Board of County Commissioners met with Theresa Blazcievich to discuss bids for junk vehicles. She shared the effect of fuel prices on the project. Theresa recommended accepting bid #2, Mr. Marvin Kyle. She added that a pending lawsuit in Sanders County will settle the issue of hauling from private and public rights of way.

Commissioner Chilcott said a policy should be in effect stating the County does not haul vehicles that are the responsibility of the Highway Patrol.

Mr. Kyle stated he does not plan on obtaining a wreckers' license.

Commissioner Chilcott said the Highway Patrol has a rotation system for towing companies to call for motor vehicles involved in accidents. He emphasized the need to set a policy that Ravalli County will not haul vehicles that are the responsibility of the Highway Patrol. They need to do their own paper work.

Theresa recommended following the contracting procedures of the State. It is consistent with the RFP.

Commissioner Chilcott suggested awarding a secondary contract. Theresa agreed. Some haulers have multiple yards, so whoever is closest to the incident hauls the vehicle.

Commissioner Lund said it sounds like he has a towing license. They have a wrecker service, so they can tow off a public road.

Commissioner Chilcott said if it is law enforcement we should not haul any. Shift the policy to get those who have the responsibility for doing it to get it done.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept Theresa's recommendation to award the contract to Marvin Kyle, that there be a primary and secondary hauler, with the secondary used for hauling off public right-of-way, if necessary. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, and all voted 'aye'.

In other business, the Board of County Commissioners met to review and possibly sign the contract for the building purchase (Bibler Building, 3rd and State). Present for this

meeting were Jim Parker and Helen Ann Bibler. In the absence of Civil Counsel it was decided to postpone decisions and signing of the contract.

Commissioner Chilcott said Ravalli County couldn't pay \$224,000 for the building; the County cannot pay above the appraised value of \$220,000. The interest rate of 8.25% is too high. Jim said the bank suggested an interest rate of 8.0-8.25%. Commissioner Lund mentioned the additional fees to the buyer, for instance sewer hookup fees totaling \$400.

Jim said he would investigate the financing.

Commissioner Thompson said the county could do better than 8.25% interest; as that is too high.

Jim said if the government can finance itself it should. He took the bank's advice, but can't imagine going below 7%. Commissioner Chilcott said with the price of \$220,000 they will hook up the septic, etc. Commissioner Thompson said they could look at a proposal of 7%, along with others.

Commissioner Lund asked if a down payment of \$40,000 would be appropriate. Commissioner Thompson suggested a down payment of \$20,000.

Commissioner Lund said a \$40,000 down payment is possible if the county borrows the money. Commissioner Chilcott said he would rather pay interest to a citizen than to the State. In the absence of civil counsel it was determined to continue this meeting to June 28, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.

In other business the Board addressed various administrative matters, which included the following:

An F.A.A. and Airport Board-approved hangar size increase for Chris Mills.

Commissioner Thompson noted the ALP accommodates the building footprint, so he has no problem with this increase. He stated the increase of development fees and hangar fees will need to be paid. Commissioner Thompson stated he would prefer a skid-mounted storage trailer during construction, which would be moved within 30 days after construction. Commissioner Lund asked if there was a setback issue. Page indicated there was not. Commissioner Chilcott stated the hangar doors need to face the taxi way and they should change the rules to accommodate that design standard. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the increased hangar size as stated within the proposed exhibit, and add the equipment storage trailer, used during construction, is to be moved within 30 days after construction is completed, and the increase in development and hangar fees. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to grant final approval to the Knuckles Subdivision. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Lund made a motion to approve of the minutes of January 3rd through January 13, 2006 and February 7th and February 28, 2006 with corrections made. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Lund made a motion to adopt the following 2006 budget transfers by Resolution:

- Resolution No. 1882, which is a budget transfer in the Sheriff's Office
- Resolution No. 1883, which is a budget transfer in the Sheriff's Office
- Resolution No. 1884, which is a budget transfer in the Airport budget
- Resolution No. 1885, which is a budget transfer in the Airport budget
- Resolution No. 1886, which is a budget transfer in the Clerk of Court
- Resolution No. 1887, which is a budget transfer in the Immunization Grant for unanticipated revenue
- Resolution No. 1888, which is a budget transfer in the Weed budget
- Resolution No. 1889, which is a budget transfer for office equipment from the Capital Improvement fund
- Resolution No. 1890, which is a budget transfer for trade center expenses
- Resolution No. 1891, which is a budget transfer for records preservation
- Resolution No. 1892, which is a budget transfer for Search and Rescue
- Resolution No. 1893, which is a budget transfer from General Unanticipated Costs to cover museum utilities
- Resolution No. 1894, which is a budget transfer within the Park budget
- Resolution No. 1895, which is a budget transfer to match grant application funds for the Child Advocate Center Grant

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board discussed the recent "No Smoking" memo that was sent out by the Commissioners in regard to requiring that people smoke 25' from the building. After further research, the County Attorney stated Montana law expressly states the county cannot expand from the boundaries of the building. Commissioner Lund noted Missoula has a 25' setback from buildings and Toole County has a 15' setback in order to keep the smoke from infiltrating into the building by windows, doors, etc. Commissioner Chilcott stated he visited with Harold Blattie at MACo and Harold stated MACo was in error recommending the 25' setback. Commissioner Thompson said he has received legal advice to rescind the memo, but the Commissioners can ask people to refrain from smoking within 25' of the building, as a courtesy to the public and other employees.

In other business the Board met with I.S. Director Joe Frohlich and Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy in regard to a computer replacement plan. Issues included the calendar year budget and long-range budget planning, including a capital improvement budget line.

Extension Agent Rob Johnson introduced Katelyn Anderson, the new Ravalli County Extension Agent to the Commissioners.

The Board also discussed the RSID for the Joslin Trail Bridge with Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles. Discussion included the issuance and security for the bonds, the revolving fund fee, bond counsel, preparation of an official statement for bonds and County fees. It was agreed the County would only charge a 1% administrative fee for the first year and drop off any fees for the balance of the years. Klarryse will contact D.A. Davidson in regard to the cost and issuance of the bonds and the underwriter's discount in order to bid the bonds. Klarryse will also contact Monte Drake of First Interstate Bank to ascertain if they, as a private bank, would be interested in purchasing the bonds. As soon as that information is received, Klarryse and Glenda will work together filling out the remaining information on the Resolution for the Notice of Intent to Create the District so this RSID can move forward.

In other business, Commissioner Lund attended a JSEC meeting during the noon hours.